

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	No. 2:25-cv-02047-MSN-cgc
)	
FAYETTE COUNTY, TENNESSEE;)	
and THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD)	
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL PURSUANT TO RULE 41(a)

The parties hereby stipulate to the dismissal of the United States' claims in the above-captioned case pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). That rule provides that "the plaintiff may dismiss an action without a court order by filing . . . (ii) a stipulation of dismissal signed by all parties who have appeared." Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). Counsel for all parties have agreed to the dismissal.

This is a civil action brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the United States pursuant to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10301, filed by the Attorney General on January 15, 2025.

After filing its Answer and Affirmative Defenses in response to the Complaint, *see* Doc. 25, on April 23, 2025, Defendant Fayette County ("Fayette County") filed a Motion to Stay after the Fayette County Board of County Commissioners announced a "redistricting process... to reconsider and replace the map at issue in this litigation." Def. Fayette Cty.'s Mot. to Stay the Case, Doc. 31 at 1. Fayette County requested the Court "stay all proceedings in this matter

pending the completion of Fayette County's 2025 redistricting process for up to 150 days." *Id.* at

6. At the Scheduling Conference on April 24, 2025, the Court granted Fayette County's Motion.

See Order Granting Def.'s Mot. to Stay, Doc. 33.

On June 24, 2025, the Fayette County Board of County Commissioners adopted a new redistricting plan that "replace[d]" the 2021 County Commission Plan ("2025 County Commission Plan"). Attach. A, A Resolution to Adopt a Voting District Plan for the County Commission of Fayette County, Tennessee at 1. The 2025 County Commission Plan remedies deficiencies that the United States alleged were present in the 2021 County Commission Plan.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), the parties stipulate to the voluntary dismissal of the Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 17, 2025, I filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification to all counsel of record in this case.

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